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SUBJECT: APPEAL OF AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN
TO PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO HOLD FREE ELECTIONS

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CHANCELLOR KREISKY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF
AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, SENT MESSAGE ON MARCH 26,
(ONE DAY FOLLOWING FIMILAR MESSAGE FROM CONSERVATIVE
PARTY LEADER SCHLEINZER-REFTEL, TO PORTUGUESE GOVERNING
AUTHORITIES CALLING ON THEM TO CREATE NECESSARY PRE-
CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING OF FREE AND UNFETTERED ELECTIONS.
TEXT OF KREISKY APPEAL FOLLOWS:

"THE END OF THE DICTORIAL REGIME IN PORTUGAL
FILLED ALL HONEST DEMOCRATS WITH GREAT JOY. IT WAS OUR
FIRM DECISION TO GIVE TO THE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY ALL
THE ASSISTANCE IT NEEDS TO MAKE UP FOR EVERYTHING IT
COULD NOT ACHIEVE DURING THE PAST 48 YEARS OF OPPRESSION.
THE FALL OF THE DICTATORSHIP FILLED US WITH THE HOPE
THAT THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE WOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY
TO BUILD DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORMS AND TO COMBINE WELFARE OF THE
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PEOPLE WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE.

"THIS IS WHY WE ARE NOW EVEN MORE DISTURBED BY THE NEWS WHICH REACHES US, AND WE CAN ONLY ADDRESS TO THOSE TODAY IN POWER IN PORTUGAL THE URGENT APPEAL TO GUARANTEE THE BUILDING OF DEMOCRACY IN THEIR COUNTRY. THE MOST VISIBLE EXPRESSIONS OF DEMOCRACY REMAINS AS EVER, FREE AND UNFETTERED ELECTIONS. ANY DISREGARD OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN PORTUGAL WOULD LEAD TO A STRENGTHENING OF REACTIONARY FORCES IN EUROPE. THIS WOULD ALSO HAVE INCALCULABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE POLICY OF DETENTE IN EUROPE.

" I SHOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO ADDRESS, IN MY FUNCTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AUSTRIA, THE URGENT APPEAL TO ALL LEADING FORCES IN PORTUGAL TO SHOW THAT RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES WHICH IS INDISPENSABLE IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS". TRINKA

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